

## **Student Aid Application Guidelines**

Students are eligible for aid at either LCMS seminary or any of the 10 Concordia University System schools.

Students studying in Canada are not eligible for aid.

The Michigan District uses a three tier system for granting aid. Students attending one of the two seminaries will receive aid at the highest rate, students attending Concordia University Ann Arbor will receive aid at the middle rate, and students attending one of the other nine Concordia University System schools receive aid at the base rate. The amount granted at each tier will be determined by how many students are approved and how much money is budgeted.

Our goal is for students to receive the same amount of aid each school year with a maximum of five years at the undergraduate level and four years as a student at one of the two seminaries.

The following requirements must be met for student aid to be granted:

- † Completed *LCMS District Financial Aid Application* on file in the District Office by June 1
- † Completed *Pastoral Verification Form* on file in the District Office by June 1 (a 15 day grace period will be given for this form)
- † An intention to enter church work (marked yes on the application form)
- † Qualified full-time student (12 credit hours or more)
- † Maintenance of a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (C average)

If the student does not complete their program of study for full-time church work and / or does not maintain at least a two year commitment to full-time church work, all grant money shall be repaid to the Michigan District. Special circumstances regarding repayment may be determined by the Assistant to the President – Congregation Ministries / Stewardship Ministries.

Any financial aid granted will not be based on the financial need of the student, but rather on their desire to serve the church.

### **Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Financial Aid Guidelines**

The above guidelines will all apply to SMP students at both seminaries with the following requirement:

- † Qualified SMP student (one course per quarter for a total of four per school year)

Our goal is for students to receive 30% of the rate traditional seminary students receive each school year with a maximum of four years as an SMP student at one of the two seminaries.